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Re: Our File 582-509

Dear Thelma:

Attached hereto is a draft of an application relating to the above-identified subject matter.

which remain to be completed and it is hoped that the draft had been set up in such a way that these blank spots can be reality filled in.

is you can see, more details are required in order to pin down the invention and in order to properly illustrate It is important that the ingredients be the invention. classified as much as possible and that the amounts of the various ingredients be set forth in as much detail as possible. with the emphasis being placed on the "essential" ingredients. In this regard, it appears that the proper production of bright stem pulp is the essential and critical element of the invention and the various methods by which this pulp can be produced should be carefully and fully enumerated in the application. While we have indicated that other tobaccos may be similarly treated, bright stems have received the greatest emphasis and we want to make certain that this is the proper approach to The details of compounding the various ingredients, be taken. including the amounts of special ingredients and other ingredients, the method of incorporation, the sequence of incorporation, etc. also appear important and should be set forth in

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greater detail.

You will note that we have not appended claims to the specification since, at this time, there are too many questions left unanswered to properly build a claim structure. This can readily be done after the blank spaces have been completed in the present draft of the application.

